

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (original) A preparation comprising 1,3 and/or 1,6 beta glucans, for use in the treatment or prevention of infection, inflammation, and/or traumatic conditions in an animal.
2. (original) A preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least some of the 1,3 and/or 1,6 beta glucans are water soluble.
3. (original) A preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least some of the 1,3 and/or 1,6 beta glucans are not water soluble.
4. (original) A preparation as claimed in claim 3, wherein the 1,3 and/or 1,6 beta glucans which are not water soluble are in microparticulate form.
5. (currently amended) A preparation as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the preparation further comprises vitamins, minerals, carotenoids, amino acids, lipids, peptides, nucleotides, bioflavinoids, oils, yeasts, algae and/or polysaccharides.
6. (original) A preparation as claimed in claim 5, wherein the preparation further comprises vitamin C, preferably as ascorbyl polyphosphate.
7. (currently amended) A preparation as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, further comprising an additive having bacteriostatic or bacteriocidal activity.
8. (currently amended) A preparation as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the preparation is for administration by injection.
9. (currently amended) A preparation as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein the preparation is for use in bath or water immersion treatment.

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10. (currently amended) A preparation as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~  
claim 1, wherein the preparation is for oral administration.

11. (original) A preparation as claimed in claim 10, wherein the preparation is in  
the form of a powder, gel, liquid, tablet or capsule.

12. (currently amended) A preparation as claimed in claim 10 ~~or 11~~, wherein the  
preparation is added to animal feed.

13. (currently amended) A preparation as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~  
claim 1, wherein the preparation is for topical administration.

14. (currently amended) A preparation as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-7~~ claim  
1, wherein the preparation is substantially soluble in water.

15. (currently amended) A preparation as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding~~  
~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein the animal is an aquatic animal.